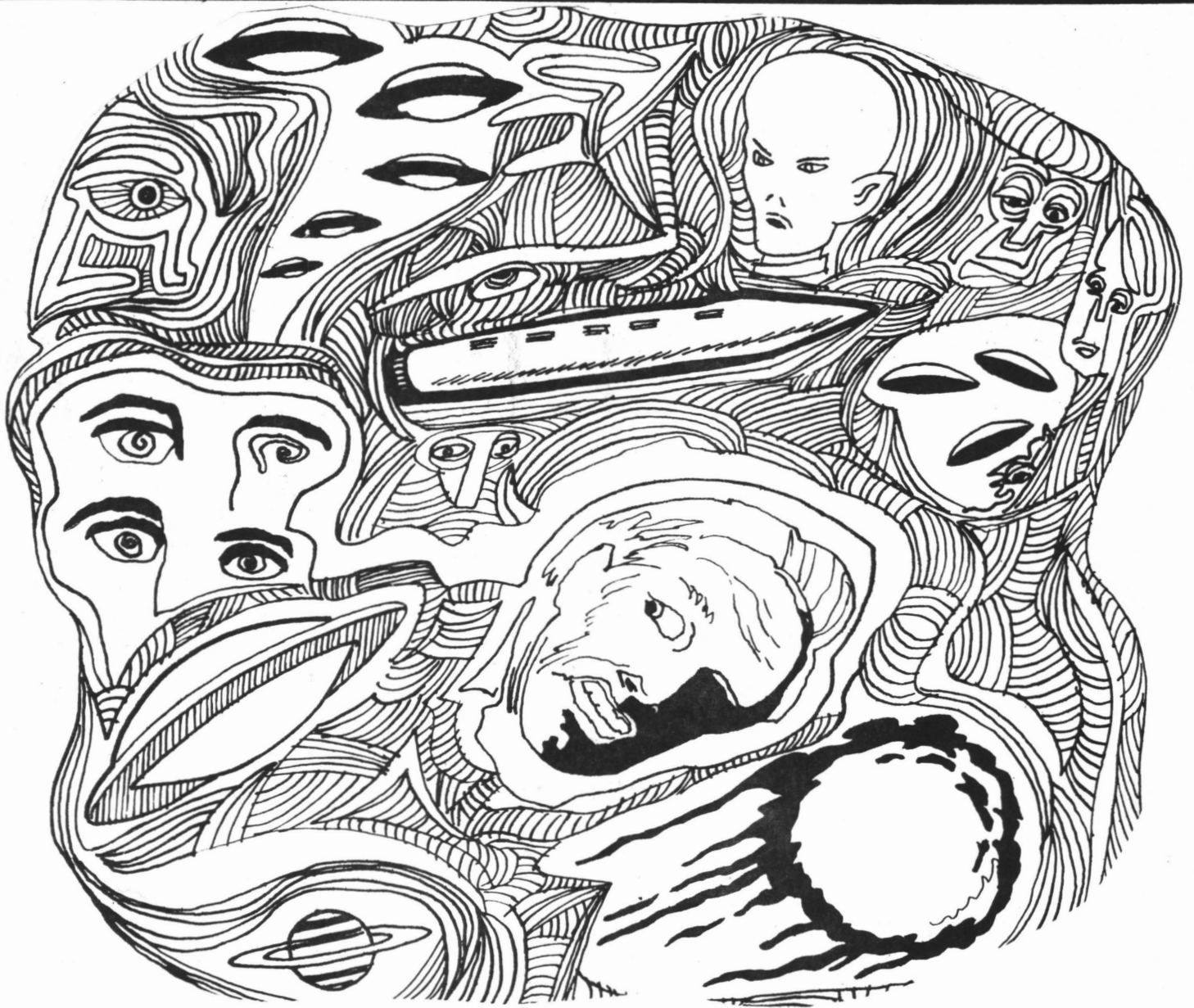


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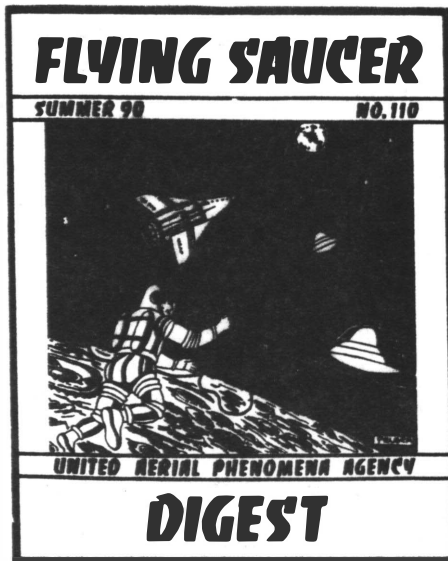
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FROM THE EDITOR



By the time you read this, the new editor will have had two months in his new endeavor. The last time I was editor was back in August of 1973. (Where has the time gone?)

As you know by now, Flying Saucer Digest is expanded to 14 pages, but what you don't know is that our new typist is Mrs. Carol Hilberg, and she has working for her - or I should say she's working for - a new computer processor typewriter. (Tell us your comments.) So, with all the new things happening around here, it seems like old times again. That's the good news. With all good news there is always bad news. The printers across the nation announced that paper costs would go up 10% again. But don't worry subscribers, we will not increase the cost of a subscription.

Speaking of subscribers, our UFO catalog is selling very nicely. If any of you want one, just drop a dollar bill in an envelope and I'll mail a copy to you

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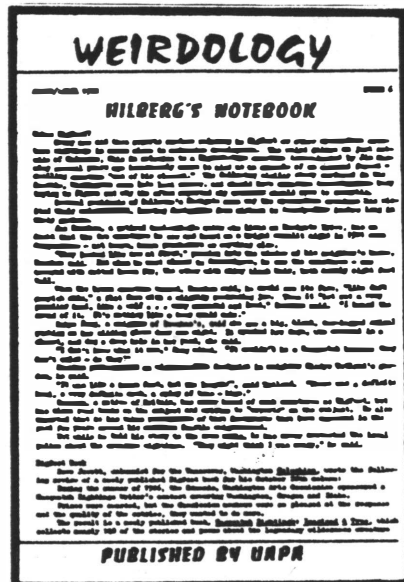
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The "Central N.J. and Pa. UFO Study Group" and the "UFO Book Club" will present "The First Great UFO (ET) Humanoids / Visitors / Alien and Abduction Congress" on March 30,31 and April 1,1990, in Trenton N.J. Anyone who wishes more info - write to Pat J. Marcattilio, 138 Redfern St., Trenton, N.J. 08610.

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The Pennsylvania Center For UFO Research at 721 Old Greensburg Pike, North Versailles, Pa. 15137 is publishing "The Researcher" and is free to anyone who writes for a copy.

And last but not least is the 27th National UFO Conference to be held in Miami Beach, Florida on May 11,12,13,1990 at the Holiday Inn Oceanside. Anyone interested please write to UFO Conference, Box 753, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903

READERS SAY

Wish I had subscribed sooner. Lord knows, I've subscribed to all the other UFO publications at one time or another. Don't know how or why I overlooked you people. I've been a UFO buff for 25 years. Middle of the road, is where I like the subject.

R. Tommaso
Wallham, MA.

AJM - I don't know how you overlooked us either Mr. Tommaso, and middle of the road is where we are.

I've noticed that UFO organizations charge \$40.00 to over \$100.00 to attend conventions. I would like to take my wife and daughter, but find that it would cost over \$500.00 and that doesn't cover the transportation.

R. Guthrie
Milwaukee, WI.

AJM - In 1988 we held the 25th National UFO Conference in Cleveland, Ohio, and the price for two sessions was only \$8.00. We hope to host the 1991 National UFO Conference in Cleveland.

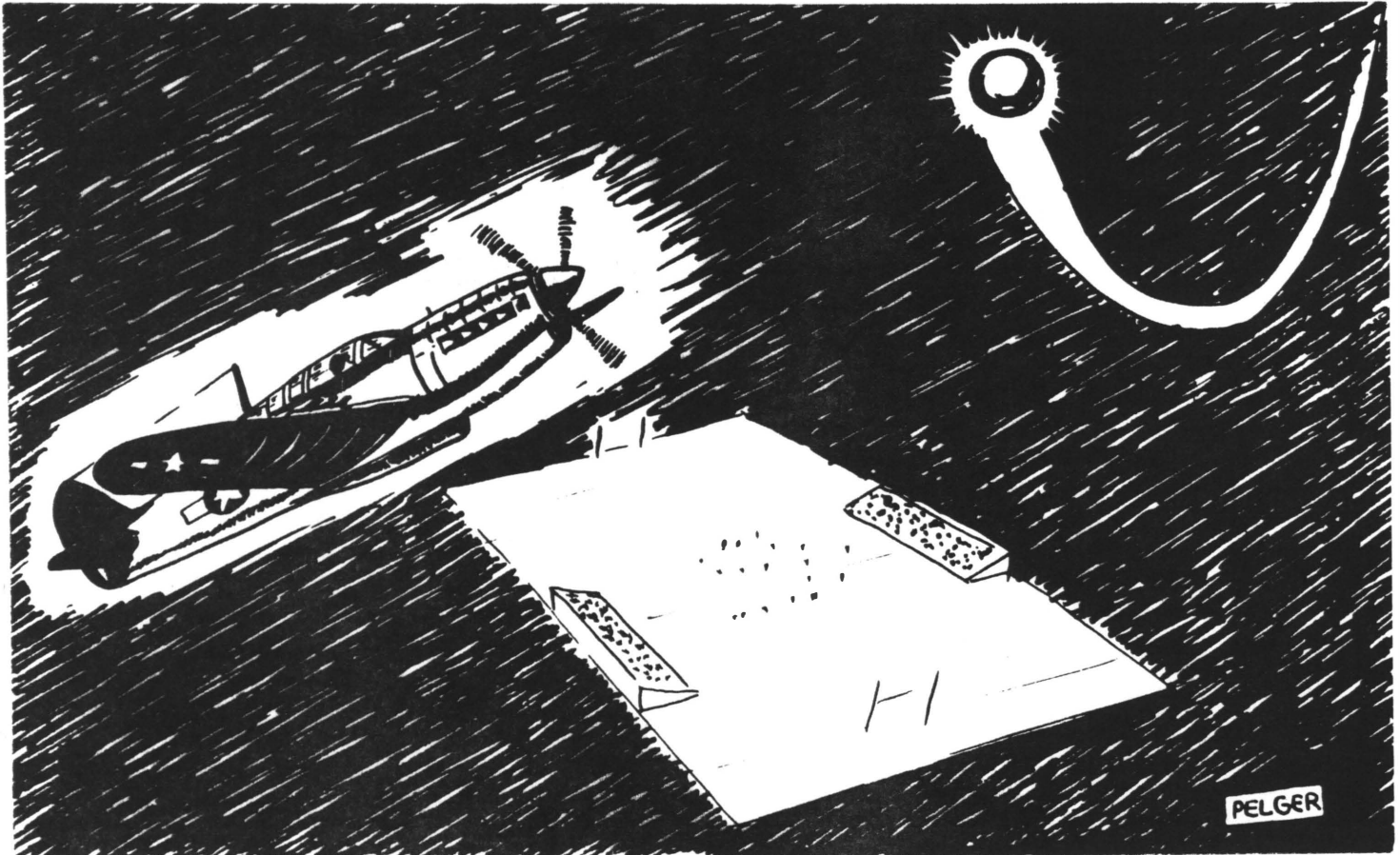
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FOREMOST SIGHTING THIS ISSUE

UAPA Chairman Allan J. Manak has chosen the following as the UFO sighting of the quarter. It was released on November 8th by the Newhouse News Service under the byline of David Snyder. We present it as follows in its entirety with a dateline of Greenville, Mississippi:

After 20 years as a pilot, Bill Kimmel isn't easily impressed by what he sees in the sky.

Fiery meteors, planets that sometimes seem to move and satellites crossing the heavens on their computerized routes - all just part of the skyscape for Kimmel.



But the shiny object that resembled a giant steel ball hurtling through the air at 800 or 900 m.p.h., 200 feet below his left wing, was different. "Now I've seen it all," Kimmel says.

Others around here - some willing to talk about it, some not - also have seen the speeding shiny ball.

And a substantial number of people, including several Deputy Sheriffs, have seen their own UFOs 84 miles to the northwest outside Pine Bluff, AK.

In the Greenville area, people have taken to going out on the Mississippi River Levee, away from the lights, to seek out the flying ball that Kimmel says looks to be about twice the size of a two-seater airplane.

In Arkansas, the UFO watchers frequent country roads, trying for a peek at whatever it is that's hovering out there at tree-top level, quiet and watchful.

Kimmel remembers everything about his encounter with the ball on a crisp Monday in October.

He was ferrying a Hollandale rice farmer, Felin Cooper, to Missouri where they would pick up a farm machinery part. They were traveling north "on one of those clear fall days where you could see forever," Kimmel says.

At 5:30 p.m., 40 miles south of Memphis, Tennessee, Kimmel saw what appeared to be a bright light about 30 miles to the northeast. "It was shining like I've seen the sun shining on airplanes," he says. "I could tell it was moving fast, but I thought it was just a jet."

Within seconds, when the object crossed his flight path, Kimmel knew that he was looking at something new and weird.

"It was a solid round metal ball about twice the size of a light twin-engine airplane. No cockpit. No wings. No tail section. When it got behind me the sun silhouetted the thing. I watched it for two or three seconds and it disappeared, like they put it in high gear.

"Just disappeared," Kimmel says, amazement in his voice. "I know it sounds weird, but that's what happened."

Cooper saw it, too, and was equally amazed.

Lee Abide Jr., a Greenville area crop duster, says he saw the same thing a few days earlier.

"I look up and see this thing," he says. "It moved quickly to the right, then to the left. It was round. It was more orange than yellow."

And then the sphere, which Abide estimates was 90 feet in diameter, was gone.

"I was fascinated," he says. "It's something from another Universe."

It wasn't long, Abide says, before locals began showing up on the levee with binoculars, "waiting to see something."

Kimmel says two other pilots have told him they've also seen UFOs.

UFOs began popping up around Pine Bluff on October 23rd.

The sheriff's office received a call from a woman who says she saw a UFO. Sgt. Bernard Adams went out for a look, and there it was.

"It looked like it was 150 to 200 feet above tree-top level," Adams says. "When we saw it, it was over southwest Pine Bluff. It looked like it would hover up a little bit, then it would hover down a little bit."

He says he and other deputies saw the same thing last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights.

The Sheriff's Department has been flooded with calls from people who say they have seen it glittering in the sky, sometimes looking like it was ringed with a blue haze, or blue lights. The FAA has told police the object didn't show up on radar, perhaps because it was too low.

Charles Hemann, Institutional Assistant at the University of Arkansas Planetarium in Monticello, says he hasn't seen the UFO, but he may have an explanation, at least for the Pine Bluff sightings.

What people may be seeing is Venus, which picks up bright sunlight this time of the year and appears low near the southwest horizon. Venus can look like it is moving, Hemann says, because gasses in the Earth's atmosphere play tricks on sky watchers.

But those who have seen the object say it is extremely close, not millions of miles away.

AROUND AND ABOUT THE SAUCER WORLD

by Rick R. Hilberg

"GREEN FIREBALLS" AGAIN ?

In what sounds like a replay of a late 1940s newsstory, the Los Angeles Times reported that many persons in the west sighted a mystery fireball on December 28th.

The report stated that a large, greenish fireball flashed across the sky at a high altitude that evening, putting on a celestial display visible from the Grand Canyon to San Diego.

Pilots flying between 13,000 feet and 35,000 feet reported seeing the fireball over Arizona and Nevada, Federal Aviation Administration officials said. Coast Guard officials in Long Beach said they had received reports of sightings from San Diego to Santa Barbara.

A spokesman at Griffith Observatory released a statement saying that they didn't have sufficient information on which to base an explanation for the greenish fireball reports.

"ALIEN BEING" AT FLORIDA SHOPPING CENTER?

Could it be that the space people are dropping in on Miami a bit early for Jim Moseley's upcoming National UFO Conference? Could it be that they're trying to beat the crowds for "Mr. Ed's" book autograph party? Or was some sort of weird alien creature really doing some after-hours shopping?

In any event, here's what staffer Jon O'Neill of the Miami Herald had to say about the December 7th incident:

At 4:30 a.m. Thursday, some "thing" walked through the Colonial Palms Shopping Center.

Whatever it was, it was big and ugly enough to scare the daylights out of the night watchman, who ran from the center and phoned police.

The result was one of the most unusual police reports ever seen, complete with a composite sketch of the "thing" drawn by the guard, whom police identified as 27-year-old Tony Arias.

Arias described the "thing" as being 7 feet 5 inches tall, weighing 150 pounds, bald with a "big head and cat eyes."

The sketch he drew for police resembles some sort of alien. On the bottom of the drawing, officer Juan Santana wrote: "This sketch was provided by the reporter. We are not joking, this is what he drew."

"I've been on the force for 18 years and this is one of the weirdest reports I've ever read," said Sgt. Joe Wyche of Metro's Kendall Station.

Arias works the midnight shift at the mall, 13601 South Dixie Highway. He has no phone at home and could not be reached for comment.

The phone number listed for his employer, King Security, was disconnected.

According to police, Arias called at 4:30 a.m. and Officer Santana responded. Arias immediately told Santana he had not been drinking, then tried to explain what he had seen.

Santana wrote: "Upon my arrival an extensive search was conducted for the described 'thing', with negative results. Reporter

(UAPA rendering of sketch) thinks he also saw two other 'things' with the first one."

Wyche said there isn't much police can do about Arias' bizarre sighting.

"My first thought was that it was someone in some kind of scary costume," Wyche said. "But I just don't know. Whatever he saw shook him up enough to call us."

There are no plans to open a special hot line for any additional sightings of the "thing" police said.



"ALIEN" CAUGHT ON VIDEO TAPE ?

As if the report of the shopping center alien wasn't enough, the following report from Matthew Burns of the Greenville, South Carolina News describing a November 7th incident should arouse your curiosity:

A cat out for a late night prowling, a visit from Alf or a halloween hoax. Gina Jones doesn't know what it was she saw a week ago, but she would prefer it was a close encounter of the explainable kind.

"If someone could come along and tell me it's a cat, that's fine with me," Mrs. Jones said Tuesday. "Frankly, I'd prefer if it was a cat because I don't want any aliens running around my house."

Mrs. Jones and her husband saw some strange lights in the sky above Greenville last Tuesday, and Mrs. Jones videotaped the sight. But when they viewed the tape later, they saw something mysterious beyond the lights - a shadowy figure moving across a window at the rear of their eastside home.

"The bathroom light was on, and you could see plain as day something scurry across the window. It appears to be a little man, a little alien," she said with a laugh.

"I'm not saying that's what it was. I'm saying that's what it looks like.

Mrs. Jones' tape shows five orange lights in a "W" shape in the sky. A small plane flew beneath the lights, which later changed formation as some began to rotate around one another.

As two of the lights disappeared, Mrs. Jones swung the camera around enough to catch the southwest corner of her house and unknowingly film the unidentified scurrying object before focusing the camera again on the sky to watch the final three lights fade into the darkness.

The short, squat figure was approximately 18 inches to two feet tall, she said, using the size of her window as a gauge. It moved along on two tiny feet, and its two arms were held up to its face "like someone trying to see through a foggy window," she said.

Mrs. Jones said she has repeatedly viewed the tape with family and friends, trying to determine what the figure could be. Her husband also held their month-old kitten up to the bathroom window, but determined that it was too small to be the figure on the film.

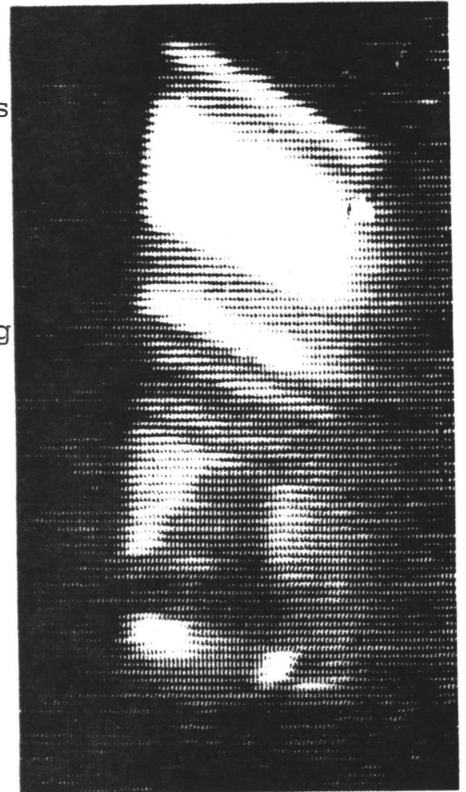
"It's easy to say what it isn't: it's not a cat, it's not a squirrel, it's not a bird," she said. "We're just having a hard time trying to say what it is."

Federal Aviation Administration area supervisor Elbert Elmore said there were no reports of any unusual activity in Greenville's skies last Tuesday, but he added that doesn't mean nothing happened.

A UFO expert from Seattle will visit Greenville in the near future to view Mrs. Jones' tape and check out her story, she said. "This may turn out to be nothing, but I just want someone to tell me what this is," she said. Meanwhile, her video has become the hottest piece of film since actor Rob Lowe's taped sexual exploits hit the underground circuit in Atlanta last summer.

Mrs. Jones appeared on a WFBC-AM talk show Wednesday morning, where the switch-board lit up with callers and a dozen people told her they also saw strange lights in the sky last week. She has turned down requests for television exposure.

"Everybody laughs at me until they see the tape. Then they're my



best friend and they're on my side," she said.

"I'm still curious about what happened last week. I just don't want people to think I'm a lunatic."

UFOS AND "LITTLE MEN" IN HUNGARY ?

The following dispatch, with a Budapest dateline appeared in the November 14th edition of the Auckland, New Zealand STAR:

A month after the Soviet Union was swept by tales of visitors from outer space, Hungarians have started seeing unidentified flying objects and little green men.

Air force pilots in southern Kecskemet were followed during training flights late last month by a "strange, spherical, orange-colored" flying object which did not show up on radar, the independent weekly DEL-KELET reported.

Days later, two soldiers on duty at the airport there saw a figure of florescent green about 1.2 metres tall who beamed himself up into space.

"He passed around a plane, lifted one of his arms and created a cone-shaped light-beam above his head, disappearing silently within seconds into a high-rising tunnel of light," the weekly said.

Left behind on the concrete was the same kind of reddish deposit reported in news last month of three-metre tall, three-eyed monsters in Voronezh, central Russia.

Deputy Defense Minister Janos Stock was quoted by the daily NEPSZABADSAG yesterday as saying the red deposit was a piece of synthetic resin used for repairing pavements.

"We have never had the chance of meeting genuine UFO colleagues," Stock said - adding that soldiers sometimes have visions which others embellish.

NEPSZABADSAG also quoted a report that a farmer in south-eastern Gyomaendrod had seen two long-eared little green men. "The man tried to hit them with his shovel but they paralyzed him with an unknown power and disappeared," it said.



MYSTERY LIGHTS IN OKLAHOMA CAUSES MEDIA FLAP

In our first of two accounts of unusual aerial lights in the midwest, we learn the following from the October 13th edition of the Miami, Oklahoma News-Record:

A full moon this Friday the 13th awaits skywatchers venturing out tonight to get a glimpse of the mysterious lights that have been reported over the Miami and Commerce area since Tuesday night.

Some groups are planning UFO-watch parties.

The lights, seen this week in the skies to the northeast, have caught the

imagination of area residents and network and syndicated television shows.

On Wednesday morning, the strange sightings were featured on the "Good Morning America" television show, and the prime-time "Unsolved Mysteries" television show's research department was making inquiries about the local sightings. A reporter from "Inside Report", a Miami, Florida-based nationally syndicated show seen locally on Oklahoma City Channel 5,

interviewed skywatchers in Ottawa county Thursday night.

On a more serious note, the first officially organized attempt at verifying or explaining the recent sightings was carried out Thursday night by the Miami and Ottawa County Civil Defense leaders and volunteers.

And after a vigil of nearly four hours, City CD Director Jim Green termed the effort "inconclusive."

At a pre-watch planning session at Miami CD headquarters in the basement of the Civic Center, Green and Paul assigned volunteers to cover the skies from at least seven vantage points throughout the area.

Miami pilot Tom Robertson was on-call in the event his airplane was needed for an air-to-air search, should one have developed. It didn't.

Green, accompanied by an unofficial group of five observers, manned the CD's mobile command post and drove to a pre-determined spot near Cardin. Back at CD headquarters in the emergency operations center command post, volunteers Karen Hall and Terry Durburow took in-coming calls of sightings on referrals from the Miami Police Department and other local and area emergency and law enforcement agencies.

Within a four-hour period, the EOC received 12 reports of sightings by area residents. Most of those who called were older residents, 50 to 60 years of age, according to Mrs. Hall.

"So, it wasn't a matter of kids making a bunch of prank calls," Mrs. Hall said. "And these people are really concerned. Some are even genuinely frightened. And all of them were convinced that they did, indeed, see something unusual."

It was for those reasons that Green and Paul decided to conduct Thursday night's search.

"We're just trying to find out what is going on," Green explained.

He discounted reports that teen-agers flying kites wrapped in colored aluminum foil and using spotlights to illuminate them were responsible for the sightings.

"Based on everything I have been told by experts on the subject, that would be impossible," Green said.

He said kites would be easily detected and spotlights could be traced to the source. He also said that gusty winds would be needed for kite flying. Winds were calm Thursday night.

"Besides, the sightings that have been reported to us have been of objects in the northeast and northwest skies at 20 to 30 degrees on the horizon, and those reports have been - for the most part - uniform in their descriptions. There's no way a kite could fly and be controlled at that height."

In Commerce, Green met up with Police Chief Bob Baine and a group of skywatchers. Baine and several others already there insisted that an object they had been watching in the northwest sky was a UFO.

Still others were equally insistent that the object was a star reflecting shades of red, green and gold or yellow due to heat inversion.

No one, it seems, is sure whether the current sightings are merely natural phenomena or actually extraterrestrial visitors. But one thing is certain: discussions about and searches for the objects is the talk of the town.

The lights have appeared at about 7:45 each night since Tuesday.

Last night they blinked red, blue and white. Streaks of gold and red tandem lights have been observed each night.

Richard Fry, who lives $\frac{1}{4}$ mile south of Shawnee Grocery on Highway 137, reported he saw a large, very bright blinking light hovering low right across the highway from his home around 8:30 p.m. last night. He said the light proceeded toward Miami. Shortly after the sighting, he saw another, similar low-flying light farther south which headed west over the turnpike.

He lost track of that one when trees blocked his vision. Fry saw both lights, which were round, through a rifle scope, he said.

In the northeastern sky at about a 45 degree angle from the ground, Miamians observed a flurry of tandem, mostly red streaks at 8:00 p.m. A few gold streaks also were observed. The red streaks traveled from east to west, whereas the gold streaks went west to east. The streaking lights had disappeared by 9:00 p.m.

AND MEANWHILE OVER IN KANSAS

More proof that nocturnal lights were the hot topic of the midwest last October can be found in this report from the October 20th edition of the Salina, Kansas Journal:

Unusual lights were reported in the sky over Cherokee County in south-east Kansas Wednesday evening, the night after similar reports from around Miami, Oklahoma.

A dispatcher with the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office said officials began getting reports about 8:00 p.m., and officers began pursuing them 90 minutes later.

People from the Columbus, Galena and Baxter Springs areas reported seeing the lights.

Galena Police Chief Pat Collins said his office received many calls from area residents curious about the lights, and he saw them.

Collins said he saw at least two red lights, and possibly three, at a distance of seven to eight miles.

"They seemed to be stationary, or hovering, for a period of seven or eight minutes," he said. "Then they disappeared."

"There was also one bright white light that appeared for about 30 seconds, closer to the city."

The hovering lights were a deep red, Collins said, and then disappeared.

The chief said he had no idea what the lights he saw may have been. It was his second spotting of unusual lights, the first coming in 1975.

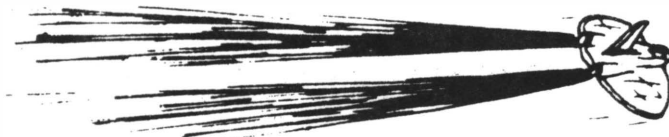
THat time, Collins said, the light he saw was considerably different. He described it as orange, like a campfire.

"It seemed to go north of Columbus, then came back at a high rate of speed, then went south and disappeared," he said. "The type of movement was not like and airplane. This was smooth, and quite quick."

Baxter Springs Police Chief Jerry Nohren said his office received only one call form a person who reported having taken pictures of the lights. Nohren said he was not out and did not see any lights.



"NOW WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE THAT MEANS?"



UFO RETROSPECTIVE

Continued from page 12 of our last issue . . .

The Rockingham Post-Dispatch, in its Wednesday, Dec. 28, 1949 edition, gave short shrift to the story, under the headline, "Saucer Myth".

"An unknown object, with a trail of smoke, was observed high in the sky over Rockingham about 4:30 Dec. 28th, floating towards the southwest. Many are the conjectures as to what it is, but most likely it was some sort of weather gauge (sic) sent up by a government weather office. Or perhaps a joke by some would-be-prankster."

The Hamlet News Messenger of Dec. 29, 1949, had no mention of the incident.

From The Richmond County Journal, Monday, Jan. 2, 1950:

"Carolínians of this section were still reporting the flight of a mysterious aircraft over the week-end as the object was seen over both North and South Carolina.

"First reported in Fayetteville about 4:30 p.m. Wed. it was seen a few minutes later over Hamlet and a little later over Greenwood, S.C.

"Evidently traveling in a straight line that extended for more than 200 miles, the object remains unidentified....

"A report from Fayetteville stated that it appeared as a vertical neon lighting tube and at Hamlet it appeared as a dirigible standing on end. A Greenwood pilot who gave chase to the object described it as a smoke trail coming from an unseen plane.

"Whatever the object it has been discounted as a 'flying saucer' which was recently declared as imagination by the Army....."

From The Richmond County Journal, Monday, Jan. 9, 1950:

"The aviation editor for True Magazine visited The Journal office on Friday as the first stop on his tour of investigating reports of 'flying objects' in this area. The writer, John DuBarry searched back issues of The Journal and interviewed staff members before proceeding to Hamlet....

"True Magazine in their January issue published an article concerning 'flying saucers' in which they indicated that the objects were not aircraft of this world. The interference was that they were aircraft from another planet.

"Immediately following the publication of the story the Army and Air Force announced they were abandoning 'Project Saucer.' The service had been investigating reports on objects for two years but claimed they found nothing to warrant continuing the project....

"A Journal staff writer attempted to reach Mr. DuBarry after his investigation tour was completed in order to discover the latest views of the writer. Mr. DuBarry had disappeared as completely as a flying saucer...

Roy L. Lucas of the Daily Journal staff saw seven UFOs in 1955.

"A group of us were standing outside the Officer's Club near Edwards Air Force Base in California," Lucas said, "and we saw seven objects - they looked like bright white lights - moving in formation in the sky over the air base. They were very low. They would stop and hover for a while, then move away quickly.

A couple of jets were sent up to chase them, but the objects

disappeared. The B-52 bomber was under development at Edwards at that time, and there was a lot of excitement about the idea that these UFO's were trying to get a look at the B-52."

Lucas said it is his belief that "Everyone has seen at least one UFO." He said everyone has seen unexplained objects in the sky, but most people shrug off their puzzlement over the objects.

"When I was working at The Winston-Salem Journal in 1972," Lucas said, "we got some reports of some UFO sightings up in the mountains. A couple of reporters went after the story and were gone two or three days. They came back and said they had seen one."

One suspects that a reporter who has spent three days on a story had better report that he saw something.

Lucas added that when he was working at The Moore County News a few years ago, "We got a report from a preacher who said he had seen a UFO - and this one was in broad daylight."

Stan McQueen of Rockingham called The Daily Journal Monday afternoon, after reading the report of a UFO sighting in Chester County, S.C., by Garland Gilchrist of Rt. 3, Rockingham, and several members of his family in 1968.

"The thing that amazed me about that report," McQueen said, "is how close the description was to what my mother (Sybil McQueen), my father (the late Carl McQueen) and I saw when I was about 12 years old - it must have been in 1961 or 1962."

McQueen said: "My father used to go outside after supper and sit on the picnic table in our back yard and just look up at the sky. He told me once he had seen plenty of UFO's. I really didn't know what to think about that.

"But I know he saw this one, because we all saw it. He came running into the house and said, 'Come look at this.' The thing looked just about like what Gilchrist described. It was a bright light, moving fast, and when it got closer we could see that it was more or less circular, it had a sort of curved top and windows on its sides, and it seemed to be rotating. I couldn't see people moving around inside or anything, but I got the definite impression that the lights I was seeing were coming from inside those windows.

"And when the thing got overhead, it seemed to be perfectly flat on the bottom.

"We watched it until it went out of sight.

"I've never told anybody about seeing it, until today."

Carl McQueen told the writer of this series about the incident in 1977, but later the same day asked him not to publish the report because, "I can imagine what people will think."

Just about a week before the "Lumberton wave" of UFO sightings began - on the evening of March 27, 1975 - a UFO actually landed in a man's front yard in Hamlet, according to a report contained in Fawcett's voluminous files.

Fawcett said: "The man said the craft had revolving pink lights on top. It landed about 11:15 p.m., and two small creatures in silver suits, joined together by some sort of silver bar, emerged and tried to communicate with him in a language the man couldn't decipher; he said it sounded like Polish to him. After a few minutes, the little creatures got back on board the craft and it went straight up into the air and disappeared.

"The man was a former police officer and a trained observer. I talked to him, his mother, and later his wife, who called me and thanked me for being about the only person he'd told about his experience that gave any

credence to his report, and for calming him down some.

"The experience had a tremendous emotional effect on the man. He became asocial, and after he threatened some neighbors, he was institutionalized for a while. He got over it, though."

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## LARGE LIGHTED OBJECT REPORTED IN WISCONSIN

This very interesting report comes from the October 12th issue of the Hillsboro, Wisconsin Sentry Enterprise, and was written by staffer Steven J. Stanek:

A strange visitor recently appeared in the skies over Hillsboro. One warm night in the latter part of August, Betty and Harley Pliner watched an unidentified flying object for over five minutes as it hung motionless in the night air above the city.

"I worked for the Knights of Columbus that night, helping out with the Bingo at the Community Center," recalls Harley. "I drove home about 10:30. I put the car in the garage, and walked up the sidewalk toward the house, when I saw this big thing in the sky."

Harley was startled to observe a large lighted object hovering above some trees across the street from his house on Mill Street.

"It was on the other side of Albrecht's house," he continued. "It was stationary, and it wasn't making a sound. It was round and covered with red and blue lights. I ran in the house and yelled at my wife, and she came out and looked at it."

Betty Pliner described the object as having, "...a million lights all around it, and they were all blinking. I thought it was beautiful. They never quit flashing....they just kept flashing."

"I know it was no plane. They can't hang in the air like that. A helicopter would make noise, but this didn't!"

The couple estimate they watched the strange lighted object for nearly five minutes before it slowly moved away.

"I was going to jump in my car," reveals Harley, "but it moved out of sight. I was going to chase it!"

"When it disappeared over the tree," says Betty, "he thought he saw another light. So he went clear across the road looking for it. I would have been afraid, but I guess when you see a spectacle like that, you're too astonished to be afraid."

Though, Harley continued to look, the UFO had apparently vanished, returning to whence it had come. Later he wondered why he and his wife alone were privy to the unusual phenomenon.

"I'm surprised that nobody else ever saw it," he commented.

Betty won't speculate on whether or not the object she observed originated in outer space.

"I don't think it was from around here, though," she remarked. "It was weird. It was nothing we had ever seen."

The couple's brief glimpse of the unknown proved tantalizing, and they hope that maybe someday they'll get a second chance to view an unidentified flying object.

"We've looked every night," reports Betty, "but haven't seen it since."

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